

# **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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#### MINUTES

## **LAPORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

To be held at 10:00 a.m. in the LaPorte County Complex Meeting Room #3

## 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Commissioner Decker called the meeting to order.

## 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## 3. ROLL CALL

All Commissioners were present.

## 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Bohacek added Permission to approach the Council for a sewer project at the fairgrounds.

Commissioner Kora moves to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

## 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### A. October 21, 2015

Commissioner Bohacek moves to approve. Commissioner Decker seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

#### 6. CLAIMS

- A. Payroll Ending 10/23/15-\$1,032,391.99
- B. Miscellaneous Claims-\$1,962,407.20

Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

#### 7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Pat Meanie appeared before the Commission to discuss the weight limits and truck traffic in his residential area. He asked if the truck traffic can be re-directed. He also asked for a stop sign on the corner of 400 W and 400 N. He says the tarp laws need to be enforced because the trucks are throwing sand all over. Commissioner Kora moved to have the county highway superintendent and the county engineer look at the truck traffic and give a report at the next meeting. Commissioner Bohacek seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Randy Dietz appeared before the Commission to discuss the truck traffic going in and out by his house. He stated that the trucks were going through about 75 feet from his property and it is supposed to be 150 ft away, and 300 feet between his property and where they are digging the sand and it's not. Attorney Friedman indicated that the next step is for their attorney to get this back before the plan commission.

Deborah Veech appeared before the Commission to discuss the trucks on Schultz road. She indicated that the trucks go around the school bus and they often speed. She asked for more police presence in the neighborhood.

James Masakowictz appeared to ask why the 12 ton limit is not enforced on Schultz road, he said the trucks exceed 90,000 lbs. He said the roads are being torn up and the pictures are rattling on the walls.

Sherriff Boyd said he has talked to Mr. Young about the weight limit on the road, he said it needs to be posted in order for it to be enforced, if it's covered by ordinance. He asked to have the Commission decide if there is an ordinance that dictates the weight limit and have it posted so it can be enforced.

#### 8. **DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

Barb Mossman appeared to remind employees that open enrollment starts today. She further indicated that she was nominated to be the VP of the NHRMA Board and that they are paying for her to go to Washington DC. She said she the cost will be paid by the NHRMA Board and she will take vacation days to cover her time out of the office. Dr. Kora asked her to summarize the health insurance that had been discussed. Commissioner Bohacek moved to maintain the ratio of employer and employee payment of premiums. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote. Jerry Cooley appeared to request permission to hire contractors to look at the roof in the spring when the scaffolding is up on the courthouse. He said the company will be paid from the Commissioners budget. He indicated that he did not

think he was legally able to pay from his budget, Andrea Smith said there is money in his budget to cover it. Commissioner Bohacek moved to approve, Commissioner Kora seconded.

#### 9. CORRESPONDENCE

None

#### 10. REQUESTS

#### 11. OLD BUSINESS

## A. Bob Young-County Highway-Accepting and opening material bids.

Attorney Friedman opened the material bids. Commissioner Bohacek moved to show the bids as received and turned over to the Highway Superintendent for review and recommendation. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

B. Tony Mancuso-Health Department-Final Approval for the Water Well/Water Quality Ordinance.

Commissioner Kora moves to approve for first reading. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote

#### 12. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Tony Mancuso-Health Department-Approval of private pay vaccines fee list.

Commissioner Kora moves to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

#### B. Joie Winski-Auditor-Presentation of Bicentennial Flag.

Joie Winski presented the Bicentennial Flag to the Commission.

C. Presentation by representative of SRI regarding Commissioners' certificate sale of properties not sold at Tax Sale.

There was discussion regarding the Commissioners certificate sale.

### D. Permission to approach the Council for a sewer project at the fairgrounds.

Commissioner Bohacek moves to ask the Council for an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 for the sewer project at the fairgrounds. Commissioner Kora seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

#### E. Approval of the 2016 Holidays.

Commissioner Kora moved to approve. Commissioner Bohacek seconds. Motion carried by voice vote.

#### 13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Bohacek spoke about the private road maintenance issue and asked if the attorney had gotten any further information regarding that issue.

Commissioner Kora said thank you to those who did the bridge project in Michigan City.

Commissioner Decker thanked everyone who participated in the elections. He congratulated those who won.

## 14. ADJOURN

Commissioner Kora moved to adjourn. Commissioner Bohacek seconded.

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